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Rev. Amos A Phelps

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Please remember me affectionately to Mrs Phelps. I hope she has recovered from her cold & that you will follow her example.

seeing his pastor at the outset and having the difficulty privately adjusted if possible. 2^d. He did wrong in not stating his grievances to the Church before he left them. The good deacon has been humbled. He says he can now hear Mr Phelps preach with as much delight as ever. It was hard for him to confess. He is exceedingly crest-fallen, but he saw clearly that he must do this or worse. It will be a salutary lesson ~~for him~~ and prove to him that Dea. Hall as well as the rest of us is sanctified but in part.

Mr Leavitt has supplied the pulpit upon the sabbath, and would no doubt be happy to till your return.

I am now living in clover. Mr Kirk and Beecher have kindly consented to spend some time each week with me, so that I ought to make happy progress.

The Baptists united with your church to day (Fast day) & Mr Grant preached. Your mother sends much love to all her friends - to you & Mrs Phelps and the rest join with her — Yours truly Wm. J. Briggs

meant to stay longer. Your mother wishes me to say that family matters go on cheerfully. You must not trouble a return on that account.

He has been very obliderent & kind faithful. We are all as cozy as you please — trouble others but little and are but little troubled by them.

I have opened your letters agreeably to your request. Only two have been rec'd. One from the Church in Responsett Village, Dorchester, requesting Pastor & delegate from the Church in East Boston to meet on Wednesday Mar. 26 for the purpose of recognition & fellowship.

The other was from J. R. Johnson of Williamsburg, L.C. and brother of the one who supplied your pulpit for a time. He is about to resign his present charge because his people will not sustain a pastor who will preach & vote against slavery. He inquires if you can direct him to the right field of labor in New England. &c. &c.

A notification was sent of the annual meeting of the "third social library" ——

The case of Dea. Hall has been disposed of. He has made satisfactory acknowledgements to the Church. He says that done wrong. 1st On not

Mr. Good people here are of a mind with me, not to have any more Conferences from your journey. Write us long ere you come to receive [illegible]

Wm T. Briggs.

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Dear Bro. Phelps

20 Yours of the 29th was duly received. We were all happy to hear from you, though sorry that you are so much reduced. I was fearful you would find it so. That brain of yours will drive your poor body to death unless you put on a double curb and get your friends to hold in with the reins. I trust you can now take breath. but what will it amount to if you again plunge into excitement before your health has really begun to recover? You know if the Rubicon is passed, then is no return. I do hope you will not attempt much until your health is restored.

You requested me to write if there is any thing of importance to attend to. Nothing specific demands it, yet I thought as it could do no harm it might be gratifying to you to hear a word from home.

The health of the family is about the same as when you left. Little Lucy coughs as stoutly as ever. She often speaks of father. Edward attends to his studies as usual.